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Inspectors proclaim 62nd Airlift Wing ...

Outstanding, Excellent

By **Tyler Hemstreet** Staff writer

Airmen from the 62nd Airlift Wing are celebrating their accomplishment as the Air Mobility Command Inspector General Team certified the "Outstanding" in the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program inspection and "Excellent" in the Unit Compliance Inspection in separate outbriefings this week.

Col. Stanley Dougherty, Inspections Division chief from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., praised the 62nd Airlift Wing's preparedness in his final

"The 62nd AW is led by exemplary senior officers and enlisted leadership," he said. "Personnel throughout the wing demonstrated a high degree of enthusiasm, professionalism, and were well prepared for this compliance inspection."

Colonel Dougherty also praised the base's overall appearance and said wing personnel properly observed customs and courtesies and were receptive to inspector feedback throughout the inspec-

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The results show that we are dedicated to the ongoing practice of 'excellence in all we do'," said Col. Jerry Martinez, 62nd AW commander.

"Thank you team McChord!"

Air expo excitement

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds fly in formation during the 2007 season. McChord officials recently confirmed that the Thunderbirds will participate in Air Expo 2008 here Jul. 19 and 20. A Thunderbirds advance team arrived at McChord Wednesday for a site visit with base air expo planners.

Tax assistance for Airmen available starting Jan. 28

Tyler Hemstreet Staff writer

McChord's tax center will offer free assistance to Airmen, retirees and spouses of deployed Airmen starting Jan. 28.

Located in Room 3007 in Bldg. 100, the center will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. All tax services at the center are through appointment only, and can be made by calling 982-6857. The center will also hold several walkin 1040EZ tax help sessions in the coming months. Those dates will be announced soon, and service on those days will be first come, first served.

The following documents and information are needed to complete a tax return:

- Military I.D.
- All W-2, 1099INT, 1099R, 1099DIV and 1098 forms.
- Proof of a bank account if direct deposit is desired.
- Receipts for deductible expenses if itemizing deduc-
- Proof of childcare expenses. Amount of any advanced
- child tax credit received.
- Social Security numbers and dates of birth of your spouse and/or dependents.
- Previous year's tax return and any other tax-related documents.

If Airmen bring all their documents and file for their refund to be deposited into their checking or savings account, they will usually get their refund in two weeks, said Capt. Bryan Hall, 62nd Airlift Wing legal office.

Airmen who can't make it to a walk-in day are encouraged to visit their squadron's Volunteer Income Tax Assistant representative, Captain Hall said.

Each VITA representative is IRS-trained and certified.

Airmen interested in getting in touch with their squadron's VITA representative should contact their first sergeant. If the specified VITA is unable to assist, Airmen may contact a rep from another unit, Captain Hall said.

Airmen who have multiple business entities to report on their taxes should seek help from a paid preparer, he said.

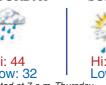
Airmen looking to take advanage of walk-in services must be single or filing a joint return and have no more than two personal exemptions.

Their taxable income must also be from wages, salaries, tips, unemployment, Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends and taxable interest of \$1500 or less.

The center is hosting walk-in days mainly to help young Airmen eager to file their tax returns, said Patty DeCamp, 62nd Airlift Wing legal office tax reviewer.

Weekend Weather

FRIDAY



Low: 32 Forecast generated at 7 a.m. Thursday Courtesy of the 62nd Operations Support Squadron

Mission accomplished

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Total McChord sorties	629
Total flying hours	1590.4
Cargo moved (tons)	4,005.4
Departure reliability rate	95.9%
Mission capable rate	86.7%
Personnel currently deployed	466
Reservists currently activated	167
(Jan. 1 to Wednesday. Numbers updated	Wednesday.)

Don't miss it ...

Tops in Blue

The Air Force's premiere entertainment showcase will perform here tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Hangar 9.

Team McChord: It's been a privilege



Col. Jerry Martinez, 62nd Airlift Wing commander.

Col. Jerry Martinez 62nd Airlift Wing commander

On Wednesday, we will pass the 62nd Airlift Wing flag from one wing commander to another. It is difficult for me to think of no longer being McChord's wing commander, because I have such strong affection for the men and women who make this a great and successful wing. We have accomplished much together, and had fun doing it. Our Excellent Unit Compliance Inspection and **Outstanding Logistics** Standardization Evaluation Program grades are more proof that McChord Airmen are always

ready for the toughest test, and achieve A+ results every time. From Operational Readiness Inspections and Nuclear Surety Inspections to constant deployments, from reorganizations to downsizing and joint basing, from difficult family separation to the inherent turbulence of being Airmen in an Air Force at war, you've faced steep challenges and watered my eyes time and again with your performance. I am privileged to have been your commander. Kim, Travis, Tayler, and I appreciate you for letting us be a part of your family for the past two years. Please take care of yourselves, stay safe, and thanks for all you do every day for McChord and your country. I am proud of you!

The 62nd Airlift Wing's change of command ceremony is Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Hangar 4.

With inspections completed, maintain high standards

By

Maj. Alesia Quiton 62nd Maintenance Squadron commander

Whew! We have all just endured an inspection which put our units under intense scrutiny in the form of a Unit Compliance Inspection. Some units in both the 62nd Mission Support Group and 62nd Maintenance Group also endured a Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program inspection at the same time. A lot of hard work went into preparing for these inspections. Many people conducted self inspections, work center visits, staff assistance visits,

and of course, the entire wing practiced emergency management during our exercises. The hard work paid off — every organization in this wing passed the inspection with flying colors! This week there were lots of smiles, congratulations and people and organizations feeling very proud of themselves — rightfully so. No one does the mission better than the 62nd Airlift Wing, and all of our programs in all units are in tip-top shape.

The challenge is keeping those programs in tip-top shape. How easy it would be to just relax, know that the inspectors are out of our hair and go back to "the normal way we do business." You can't put a percentage on it, but prior to the

inspection, we weren't operating at 100 percent, and it took a tremendous amount of effort to get inspection- ready. While I'm not suggesting we operate at 100 percent all the time, I do ask myself if we can afford to backslip to the point we were at prior to the inspections. I think not. We as leaders owe it to our people to continue on with oversight and follow-up so that we maintain those high standards and not let the programs slip into disrepair. Let us sustain the programs we have built so we don't have to work so hard next time around.

Congratulations again on your UCI/LSEP success, and good luck in your effort to sustain excellence.

Professionals

of the week

62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Shayn Powers

Duty title:

C-17 Globemaster III flying crew chief

Duty section:

62nd AMXS, blue AMU

Hometown:

Mount Juliet, Tenn.

Why he's super:

As a crew chief, it is Sergeant Powers' job to ensure aircraft are airworthy. His daily responsibilities are vast and include ensuring the aircraft is properly

fueled and oiled, the configuration is correct and the tires and brakes are serviceable. Sergeant Powers' steadfast dedication and vast mechanical knowledge has directly contributed a maintenance reliability rate of 94.5 percent. Off duty, Sergeant Powers reads to children at Carter Lake Elementary and St. Frances Cabrini Schools.



446th Mission Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Shane Barker

Duty title:

Assistant system and network administrator

Duty section:

Local area network shop

Hometown:

Lacey, Wash.

Why he's tops:

In January 2007, with the separation of the Network Local Area Network Manager, Sergeant Barker had sole responsibility for ensuring the network

for the 446th Airlift Wing ran smoothly while still performing his own duties for more than six months resulting in no degraded customer service. He also provided sole support LAN for the 4th Air Force Staff Assisted Visit Team by ensuring temporary LAN accounts were granted allowing access to the intranet, thereby enabling them flexibility to perform their vital duties. Sergeant Barker is an extremely talented individual and very missionfocused. He is a team player with great organizational skills.



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Travel policy change benefits military families



Senior Airman Jacob Dillard, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, answers a customer's questions about Space Available travel over the phone. Airmen help customers with travel needs by giving them valuable information about travel and scheduling.

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military families now can travel on Defense Department-owned or contracted aircraft in Space-Available status without sponsors when their service members are deployed for 120 days or more, thanks to a recent policy change, a military official said.

Before the change, which became effective Dec. 6, family members of military personnel could only travel unaccompanied from an overseas location to the continental United States or travel within an overseas theater of operation, said Air Force Lt. Col. Michael R. Holmes, with the office of the assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for transportation policy.

The previous policy also restricted travel to just one round trip during the military sponsor's deployment period, Holmes said.

The intent of the previous policy, Holmes said, was to allow military families stationed overseas to return to the United States, where an extended family support structure could assist them, during their military member's deployment.

The new policy does not restrict travel just to families' homes of record within the United States, Holmes said. Spouses and dependents can fly Space-A in Category 4 unaccompanied to and from the states to overseas locales, within the U.S., and within or between overseas locations, during the deployment time period, he said.

"We have a significant number of military personnel whose spouses and extended families may not reside in the continental U.S.," Holmes explained.

Military families can save considerable money by using Space-A flights instead of commercial airlines, Holmes said. However, family members under age 18 must be accompanied by an eligible parent or legal guardian, according to Defense Department documents explaining the new policy.

Word about the new Space-A travel policy is starting to spread here, as the passenger terminal has received several calls inquiring about the new policy, said Tech. Sgt. Cecilia Giampietro, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron.

While no one has utilized the new policy yet, Sergeant Giampietro expects that to change once the weather warms up and spring break arrives.

"Flights to Hickam and Travis Air Force Base could be pretty popular," she said.

While the Category 4 status family members enjoy is higher than retirees looking to utilize Space-A flights, Sergeant Giampietro said people still need to plan just as if they were traveling commercial.

"They need to be prepared to have enough time and funds to get a hotel if they have to," she said. "With Space-A travel, there's no guarantee that they are going to get to their final destination — they could get stranded or stuck. Travelers have to be prepared for anything that comes up."

Before flying, travelers also need to have their I.D. card, passport and a verification letter signed by the military sponsor's commander verifying the service member's deployment, Sergeant Giampietro said.

To signup for a flight, people can do it in person at the passenger terminal or call 982-7259/7260.

(62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs contributed to this article.)



Weather impacts health care availability



Tech. Sgt. David Collett, 62nd Airlift Wing Safety Office, brushes snow off a vehicle after a snow storm last year. Appointments at the 62nd Medical Group clinic may be affected due to delayed starts or closures because of winter weather.

Inclement conditions affect medical clinic winter schedule

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2nd Lt. Sarah Lindsay 62nd Medical Support Squadron

If you've lived in Washington for some time, you may have noticed that our normally mild winters can include snow and ice. These conditions do not bode well for safe driving conditions. In the event that this winter follows similar trends, the 62nd Medical and Dental Clinics and pharmacy will follow the same rules of engagement as determined for the rest of the base with respect to delayed starts or closures.

Please be aware that this may affect your medical appointment. The medical staff will make every effort to address each individual's health care needs should they be impacted. There are several things people can do to minimize inconveniences should their appointment be on a delayed or late start day.

If the delayed start does not affect your appointment time, people should come to the clinic as they normally would. For example, if the base has a 9 a.m. start time, the clinic will be able to take the 9 a.m. appointment. However, it will not see an 8:40 a.m. appointment. Should people arrive late, the clinic will not be able to guarantee that their appointment is not given to someone else.

If an appointment is affected by the late start — the appointment time comes before the designated start time — people have two options:

For routine concerns, call the TRICARE Regional Appointment Center at 1-800-404-4506 to reschedule the appointment.

For urgent issues, people are welcome to walk-in to the clinic and will be prioritized according to the urgency of the health care concern.

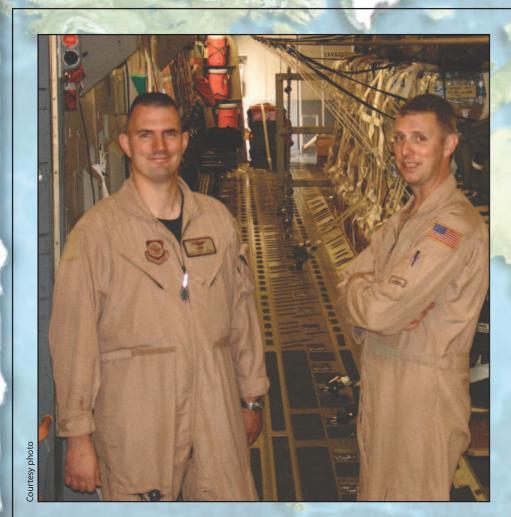
As always, emergency health care issues are addressed by the Madigan Army Medical Center Emergency Room or by dialing

Please direct any questions or concerns to the 62nd MDG group practice manager, Capt. Merritt Brockman, at 253-982-9154.



McChord's Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD



INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — Tech. Sgt. John Allen, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Thompson, both 10th Airlift Squadron, take a break during a deployed mission recently.



AFGHANISTAN — Master Sgt. Marvin Mosley, 7th Airlift Squadron, prepares to drop a sonde to check actual wind speeds prior to a combat airdrop during a deployed mission recently.



Troops, civilian employees must follow rules for political activities

WASHINGTON — As U.S. servicemembers and Defense Department civilians ponder candidates during the election season, they should realize there are limits placed upon their involvement in certain political activities.

Political-related "dos and don'ts" pertaining to military members of all service branches are proscribed within Defense Department Directive 1344.10, titled: Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty.

The federal Hatch Act delineates what federal civilians, including those working for the Defense Department, may or may not do in the political realm.

For example, servicemembers and government civilians may attend political events like meetings and rallies, but military members must only be spectators and not wear their uniforms.

In addition, troops aren't permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity within political groups or take part in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

Under Hatch Act rules, government civilians may be active in and speak before political gatherings or serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups. They are also allowed to manage political campaigns; distribute literature, except at work; write political articles; or serve as spokespersons for political parties or candidates.

Military members generally aren't allowed to campaign for political office. Civilians can campaign for office in non-partisan elections. Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Yet, basic rules apply to both military members

and government civilians. Neither can use their position in the military or the government to influence or interfere with elections. Servicemembers and federal civilians never can engage in political activity on the job, in a government vehicle or while wearing an official uniform.

For example, servicemembers and government civilians are not to distribute political literature at work. This also applies to politically partisan electronic mail messages forwarded over the Internet.

Servicemembers and government civilians are encouraged to exercise their right to vote and participate in the democratic process. But, they should know there are rules in place that govern the extent of their involvement in political activities, officials said

(Article courtesy of American Forces Press Services.)

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The medical standard is one drink for women or two drinks for men if a daily drinker. For periodic drinking, the standard is to keep the blood alcohol level or blood alcohol content under 0.05.



Use personal risk management Use situational awareness Use your wingman Use a friend 0 Drinks under age 210 DUI'sMax 1 drink per hourMax 3 drinks in one night

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



Newspaper survey results released

Editor's note: The following data represents the results of the Northwest Airlifter Survey. This was input gathered from nearly 200 readers across the Wing. The survey was established as a way to poll what our readers like and don't like about the newspaper, and to receive ideas for innovation and improvement. We appreciate the feedback from those who completed the survey, as we are constantly seeking ways to enrich the newspaper. The survey is available online through the Public Affairs page of McChord's internal website to anyone with network access. Thank you again for your participation.

1. What is your favorite section of the newspaper?

Local News	41 %
Photo pages/photos	22 %
Air Force news	15 %
Features	14 %
Sports	4 %
Commentary	4 %

2. What is your least favorite section of the newspaper?

Sports	40 %
Commentary	34 %

Air Force news 13 % Features 6 % Local News 4 % Photo pages/photos 3 %

3. Do you have access to the newspaper at your workcenter or home?

Yes	90 %
No	10 %

4. Do you read the online version of the paper?

Yes	11 %
No	89 %

5. If you are a supervisor, do you discuss the newspaper content with Airmen?

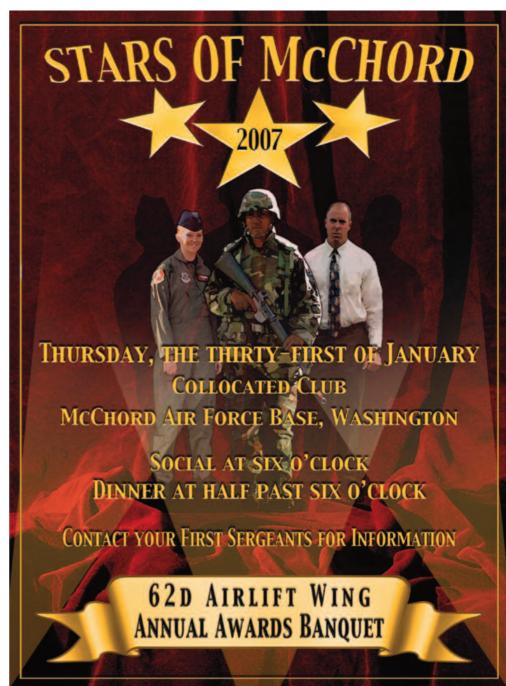
Yes	19 %
No	35 %
Not applicable	46 %

6. Based on a 1-5 scale with 1 being little or no interest, what is your interest in the base newspaper?

1	-	12	%
2	-	24	%
3	-	37	%
4	-	20	%
5	-	7 %	ó

7. Do you see a need for a printed version of the paper?

No	34 %
Yes	66 %











Chutists take nationals with best-ever showing

Ann Patton
Air Force Academy Spirit staff

Air Force Academy parachutists jumped ahead of nine other teams to reign first in the 2007 National Collegiate Parachuting Championships over the winter break.

The Academy's team vied for 28 top placements and came home with 21 during competition at Skydive Arizona, Eloy, Ariz. It was the Academy's best-ever percentage of wins.

"We had a very strong showing," said parachuting coach Bill Wenger. "There was not an area we didn't excel in."

Cadets 1st Class Jacob Kahn, Erik Towal and Paul Yeagley came in first, second and third respectively in the Overall Master Champion category.

Cadets Kahn and Yeagley finished first and second respectively in Master Sport Accuracy. Cadet 1st Class Ben Worrall placed first in Overall Intermediate Champion

and Cadet Towal first in Master Classic Accuracy. Cadet Kahn was named National Collegiate Champion and winner of the Istel Scholarship.

Academy team members also placed first in the 4-Way Open Formation Skydiving.

Team members competed in the 6-Way Speed Star and finished second and third after the U.S. Military Academy.

The Speed Star was new to collegiate competition this year. Six jumpers start the clock when crossing a line out of the aircraft and end when the formation is complete.

"It is like the 100-yard dash of skydiving," Coach Wenger said.

The Academy was runner-up by a mere eight-tenths of a second.

Not all team members had their best game

on for the competition but nonetheless gave hearty congrats to fellow team winners.

"It showed the character of the team," he said. "It was also a challenge. The team members held up in events even if calls went against them."

Win or lose, all Academy parachutists give up plenty for the team. They sacrificed winter break away from the Academy for this year's national collegiate competition and repeatedly forfeit long weekends, spring break and Thanksgiving for training, demonstrations and competitions.

"All the free time the Academy gives them, we take," Coach Wenger said.

He lacks no amount of pride for Academy team members.

He pointed to West Point as the Academy's fiercest competitor, for example, during the nationals. Members there spend three years on the parachuting team as opposed to the Air Force's two years. Yet, Falcon parachutists still came out on top.

"It's a secondary job," Coach Wenger said of the Academy's diving competitions and

He cited Airmanship 490 as the top priority for Falcon parachutists as well as serving as instructors for other cadets.

"I enjoy my time with the cadets," he said. "Seeing them mature is the key to what it's all about."

The National Collegiate Parachuting League was formed in 1961 and sponsors the collegiate nationals to promote learning, safety, competition, sportsmanship and camaraderie among college skydivers.

Academy jumpers are looking forward to another win, this time to beat their own record of 39 parachutists in formation simultaneously.

They hope to add to that number during training in March in Arizona.



Cadets 1st Class Jacob Kahn and Paul Yeagley bail out for the 2-Way Vertical Relative Work during the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships.



FEATURE Spotlight story

Balad Airmen help improve quality of life for Soldiers in Iraq

Senior Airman Terri Barriere 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — A 13-man team from Balad Air Base made quality-of-life improvements, security repairs and facilitated more than 85 emergency maintenance repairs during a 30-day assignment in December and January to an Army patrol base in Samarra, Iraq.

Among the improvements the group of Airmen made were improvements to the Patrol Base Olson aid station to include new lighting

and updated plumbing.

The Airmen also repaired a damaged security forces facility, built new living quarters, added power panels, and installed new receptacles, lighting, electrical panels, water heaters, water tank and pressure pumps.

"We'll go anywhere, anytime, to improve the quality of life at that location," said Tech. Sgt. John Becquer, a 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Det. 6 electrical technician from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

"We really enjoyed getting out there," said Senior Airman Kristofer Talbott, a 732nd ECES power production technician from Kadena AB. "The work there was so rewarding. The guys

would walk by and see us working outside and thank us. I could definitely see the impact, and I knew what we were doing was making a difference to them."

They Airmen not only improved the living conditions of the people at Patrol Base Olson, but also helped improve the stability of the entire post, Sergeant Becquer said.

After the team's renovations on the firing and training range were complete, Iraqi security forces instructors were able to increase the number of trainees from 100 a month to 500 every two months, the sergeant said. Renovations made to the base's kitchen helped reduce cooking time by two hours per meal

"They were definitely pleased with our work," Sergeant Becquer said. "They wanted to keep us the entire rotation."

Though the work was hard, team members said it was the appreciation, gratitude and endless hard work of the Soldiers there that kept

"We worked hard busting our chops to get the job done," said Tech. Sgt. Greg Bass, a structural technician deployed from Kadena AB. "But that's commonplace for us. The Soldiers were in awe of us, yet we were in awe of them."



Clockwise from left, Tech. Sgt. John Becquer, Airman 1st Class Matthew Giacona and Staff Sgt. Caleb Dennis watch as Staff Sgt. Pranay Singh cuts through a drain pipe recently at Patrol Base Olson, Iraq. The pipe will carry water to the showers, clothes washers and kitchen at Patrol Base Olson. The Airmen are all from the 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Det. 6 deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan.



Active-duty, retired Air Force leaders gather

ByMaj. Curt Velasquez

Headquarters Air Force

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. — Air Force leaders met with retired senior Air Force leaders at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., this past week to discuss important issues facing the Air Force.

"The Air Force is at a critical moment in history," Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne said. "Our nation needs to be proud of our Airmen as they have answered the calling to winning today's fight. They exemplify every aspect of excellence, integrity and service before self."

The purpose of the forum and the symposium was to inform and gain insight from retired Air Force senior leaders as the Air Force prepares for tomorrow's challenges. Secretary Wynne discussed the need to replace aging aircraft and preserve the industrial base for the future of the Air Force.

"We are a service that has been at war for more than 17 years," said Secretary Wynne. "We cannot be focused only on today's fight because the Constitution calls for the common defense of our nation and that includes preparing for tomorrow."

"We are a strategic combatant service whose

job is to deter and dissuade tomorrow's fight," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "We cannot wait until tomorrow to think about tomorrow."

General Moseley then discussed his Air Force priorities and top five acquisition priorities.

"The soul of an air force is range, payload and access to targets, and our acquisition priorities will keep us on a proper vector," said General Moseley. "We need to be unapologetic about advocating airpower in 21st Century warfare."

The Leadership Forum and Senior Statesmen Symposium are held once a year and the secretary of the Air Force, the chief of staff and senior Air Force civilian and military leaders come together with more than 240 retired senior Air Force leaders for frank, open discussions that will lead the Air Force into tomorrow.

Gen. Duncan McNabb, vice chief of staff, talked about the critical issues facing the Air Force and the need to prepare for tomorrow's challenges in order to put the service on the proper flight path toward a 21st Century Air Force.

"We are at the perfect storm," General McNabb said. "We need to recapitalize the force, fight the long war while the baby boomers are approaching retirement age. The service that takes advantage of the solid foundation it has built to pre-

pare for the future will navigate successfully through this storm. The Air Force has set the stage to allow its Airmen to tackle those challenges. Our nation's freedom depends upon our success."

Discussions and briefings centered on the three themes: Winning Today's Fight, Taking Care of Our People and Preparing for Tomorrow's Challenges.

Taking care and developing Airmen is a top priority for Air Force leaders.

"The number one issue facing our enlisted force today is high quality and affordable child care," said Lt. Gen. Dick Newton, director of manpower and personnel. "Taking care of our Airmen and their families is a retention and readiness issue."

General Moseley concluded the conference by saying, "The U.S. Air Force is charged with safe-guarding America by dominating the ultimate vantage of air, space and cyberspace. These domains are increasingly interdependent and the loss of dominance in one could lead to the loss of dominance in all. Therefore, superiority and freedom of action cannot be taken for granted. The Air Force must be better postured to contend with both today and tomorrow's challenges."



BRIEFS —

Chiefs' Group induction

The 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings' Chiefs' Groups will host their induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. The ceremony will honor Chief Master Sergeant selects Arthur Green, 36th Aerial Port Squadron; James Masura, 446th Operations Group; Sonny San Nicholas, 62nd Maintenance Group; and Rutter, Jeffrey 62nd Operations Group. For more information call, Chief Master Sgt. Dan Morris at 982-3210.

Scholarship opportunity

Pacific The Northwest Airlift/Tanker Association is pleased to announce its second annual scholarship. A scholarship in the amount of \$400 will be awarded to a deserving applicant who is currently enrolled or in the process of applying to a higher education program. Appli-cants should complete an application form and essay no later than Feb. 29. For an application, please e-mail Capt. Gabe Arrington at Gabe.Arrington@McChord.af .mil or Staff Sgt. Scott Templin at Scott.Templin-02@McChord .af.mil.

Lost and found

The 62nd Security Forces Squadron is currently in possession of numerous items of personal property such as bicycles, keys, etc. These items were found on or near McChord and may be reclaimed by contacting the Security Forces Investigation Section, located in Bldg. 160. For more information, call the Investigations Section at 982-5936.

Physician's assistant training

Applications for physician's assistant training classes beginning in January, April and August will be accepted no later than Jan. 25. See Education and Training course announcement catalog J90QA42G1-01AA, physician assistant (Phase I), for course description, prerequisites, and application procedure. The selection board is scheduled to convene on March 19. For more information call Mr. Bruce Houseman at 982-3149.

Air Force Aid Society

Concerned about the soaring cost of higher education for your children? Maybe the Air Force Aid Society can help The Society's General Henry H. Education Grant Arnold Program awards \$2000 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/ Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with 20 plus qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members. Also eligible are spouses (residing stateside) of active duty and Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty and surviving spouses of deceased members. Don't think you won't qualify. Last year, 75 percent of the McChord certified entries received the \$2000 award! Call your AFAS section at the Airman & Family Readiness Center today at 982-2695 for more information and an application, or visit the Air Force Aid Society's web site www.afas.org.



Faith and Worship Programs

For more information, call the chapel support center at 982-5556.

The following chapel program takes place at the base chapel support center, Bldg. 746, unless otherwise noted:

Adult Bible study is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Catholic Services:

All Catholic services are in chapel two.

Saturday: 4 p.m. Confession

5 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Mass

Protestant Services:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Liturgical worship: Chapel one

9:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages at the

chapel support center

11 a.m. Traditional worship: Chapel one

11 a.m. Contemporary service: Chapel support

center

Jewish Services:

Schedule of worship services

Friday: 6 p.m. Fort Lewis chapel every 1st, 3rd and 5th at the

corner of 12th Street and Liggett Avenue 967-6590

Orthodox Activities:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas Church,

15th Street and Yakima Avenue, Tacoma

Other services:

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Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Pre-Communion prayers

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Confession is by appointment only. Call Father John Anderson at 967-1717 or 906-6843 or e-mail father.anderson@us.army.mil.

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